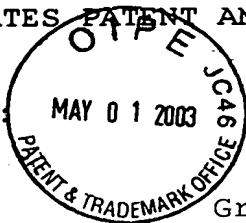


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Franz WONISCH et al

Group Art Unit: 3641

Serial No: 10/066,566

Examiner: M.R. Thomson

Filed : February 6, 2002

For : FIREARM

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated April 3, 2003, applicant elects claims 1-12, designated as invention one, for examination, with traverse. It is applicant's position that the restriction requirement set forth in the Official Action is improper. Claims 13-20 are dependent claims which build on the basic concepts of the invention set forth in independent claim 1 and it is requested that claims 14-20 be included in the basic invention (a detachable barrel), in that they fully comply with 35 USC § 121.

Claims 13-20 merely relate to different features of the same invention and embodiment as set forth in claim 1.

Regarding the species election requested, applicant elects for the bolt material and frame material, a zinc diecasting, this election is also made with traverse. Please note that claims 16, 17 and 18 are all written in Markush format and as such, a species election for a Markush grouping is improper.

If any questions exist concerning this response, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

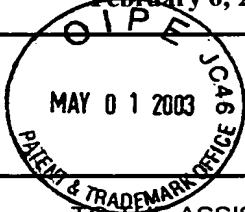
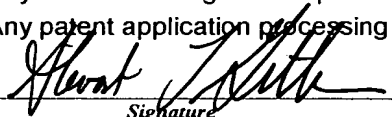

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